

# DETAILED ASSESSMENT TESTING CALENDAR FOR 2015-2016

## ACHIEVEMENT ASSESSMENTS

### AzMERIT

AzMERIT will be administered to students in Grades 3 through high school in English Language Arts and Mathematics at their grade level. Students taking high school level English Language Arts and Mathematics will take AzMERIT End-of-Course assessments that will test their proficiency in these subjects near the end of the course.

For School Year 2015-2016, there will be three AzMERIT testing windows: Fall 2015 EOC, Spring 2016 (grades 3-8 and EOC), and Summer 2016 EOC. Computer-based testing will be six weeks long and paper-based testing will be two weeks long.

Students should participate in the appropriate AzMERIT EOC test(s) during the semester they are on track to complete, a one credit course aligned to one of the first three years of English credits or one of the first three years of mathematics credits required for high school graduation.

#### For both Computer-Based and Paper-Based testing:

- Day 1, Day 2, and Day 3 must be scheduled in order but do not have to be consecutive days.
- When two test sessions are scheduled on the same day, there must be a break between sessions.
- AzMERIT is untimed. The upper end of the suggested time for a testing session is the estimated time needed for at least 95% of students to complete the session. A test session must be completed by the end of the school day.

### AzMERIT CBT TEST WINDOW

Computer-Based Testing	Fall 2015 EOC Testing	Spring 2016 Grades 3-8/EOC Testing	Summer 2016 EOC Testing
	October 26 – December 4, 2015	March 28 – May 6, 2016	TBD
Day 1 (Writing) must be scheduled no later than:	November 12, 2015	April 14, 2016	TBD
All Writing must be completed (including makeups) by:	November 13, 2015	April 15, 2016	TBD
Last day of testing (except writing) must be scheduled no later than:	December 2, 2015	May 4, 2016	TBD
All Makeup testing (except writing) must be completed no later than:	December 4, 2015	May 6, 2016	TBD
<i>Students in the same grade (gr 3-8) or taking the same EOC test within same school are <b>not required</b> to test on the same day.</i>			

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## AzMERIT PBT TEST WINDOW

Paper-Based Testing	Fall 2015 EOC Testing	Spring 2016 Grades 3-8/EOC Testing	Summer 2016 EOC Testing
	October 26 – November 6, 2015	March 28 – April 8, 2016	TBD
Day 1 (Writing) must be scheduled no later than	October 26 or October 27, 2015	March 28 or March 29, 2016	TBD
Last day of testing must be scheduled no later than:	November 4, 2015	April 6, 2016	TBD
All Makeup testing must be completed no later than:	November 6, 2015	April 8, 2016	TBD
<i>Students in the same grade (gr 3-8) or taking the same EOC test within same school <b>must test</b> on the same day.</i>			

## AzMERIT – SUGGESTED TIMES

Grade 3 – 8		
3 Testing Days	Content Areas	Suggested Times
Day 1	ELA – Writing	45-90 minutes
Day 2	ELA – Reading, Part 1 Mathematics, Part 1	45-75 minutes 60-85 minutes
Day 3	ELA – Reading, Part 2 Mathematics, Part 2	45-75 minutes 60-85 minutes

English Language Arts (ELA) - End-of-Course (EOC)		
2 or 3 Testing Days	Content Areas	Suggested Times
Day 1	ELA – Writing	45-90 minutes
Day 2	ELA – Reading, Part 1	45-75 minutes
Day 2 or Day 3	ELA – Reading, Part 2	45-75 minutes

Mathematics - End-of-Course (EOC)		
1 or 2 Testing Days	Content Areas	Suggested Times
Day 1	Mathematics, Part 1	50-85 minutes
Day 1 or Day 2	Mathematics, Part 2	50-85 minutes

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### AIMS SCIENCE

AIMS Science will be administered to students in grades 4, 8, and HS.

Test Window	Level	Approximate Times	Participation Guidance
March 14 to April 22, 2016	Grades 4 and 8	2 hours	
	HS Grade 9 or Grade 10  Students may only test on AIMS HS Science once.	2 hours	Students in Grade 9 taking a life science course may test on AIMS HS Science.  Students in Grade 10 test on AIMS HS Science unless they tested the previous year.

### ALTERNATE ASSESSMENTS

#### AIMS A SCIENCE

Test Window	Grades	Content Areas
February 15 – March 31	4, 8, and 10 only	Science

#### NCSC (NATIONAL CENTER AND STATE COLLABORATIVE)

Test Window	Grades	Content Areas
Approximately late March through mid-May specific dates to be TBD	3 – 8 and 11	ELA and Math

### ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY ASSESSMENT

#### AZELLA

Placement Testing Window
2 weeks before the start of school through May 20, 2016

Reassessment Testing Window
February 8 – March 25, 2016

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### *NATIONAL ASSESSMENT*

#### **NAEP (NATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS)**

Test Window	Content Areas	Grades	Scheduling Guidance
January 25 – March 4, 2016	National Arts	8	At selected schools only.
	Digital Based (Tablet)	8 and 12	
	Pilot Writing	8 and 12	
	Digital Based (Tablet)	8 and 12	
	Pilot Math and Reading	4 and 8	

### *INTERNATIONAL ASSESSMENTS*

#### **PIRLS (The Progress in International Reading Literacy Study)**

**Administered every 5 Years**

Test Window	Content Areas	Grades	Scheduling Guidance
March 1 – May 27, 2016	Reading	4	At selected schools only.

#### **PISA (PROGRAM FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ASSESSMENT)**

**Administered every 3 Years**

Test Window	Content Areas	Grades	Scheduling Guidance
October 5 – November 13, 2015	Math, Reading, Science, Financial Literacy, Collaborative Problem Solving	15 years old	At selected schools only.

#### **TIMSS (TRENDS IN INTERNATIONAL MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE SURVEY)**

**Administered every 4 Years**

Not administered 2016